

**MINUTES OF  
HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
18th November 2014 7.30 p.m. at Huntington Village Hall.**

**PRESENT**

Chairman - Roy Shelton

Cllr Jacky Creswick

Cllr. John Creswick

Cllr. Nick Dodd

Cllr. David Ferguson

Cllr. Martin Kemp

Cllr. Anthony Wilcox

None Councillors

Public – 5

Clerk – Ann Wright

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Carolyn Walker - Work

Cllr. M Williams – Work, will attend if possible

Cllr. Nick Dodd - apologies as will be arriving late.

The Clerk had reported the councillor vacancy to CW&C who had confirmed the Council was not required to advertise for an election due to the scheduled election in May 2015, the council was free to co-opt if it wished to, the council agreed to hold the vacancy until the May 2015 election.

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None declared.

**MINUTES**

It was questioned whether home watch schemes had been established in Kingfisher and Butterbur Closes as some residents were not aware of them, it was agreed the Clerk would seek an update from PC Malone.

It was suggested the Council should seek to promote Home Watch again in the new year.

It was noted the bus stop which is obscured by the tree is not opposite the bus shelter but near Primrose Close.

**14/366 RESOLVED** – That the Council agreed the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th October 2014 as a true and proper record.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Clerk read the police report from PC Malone as she was unable to attend the meeting. Between 18th October and 15th November there have been 23 occurrences, of which 1 was a crime. There has been a burglary on the former Saughton Camp Estate which took place during late afternoon or early evening, PC Malone is promoting Home Watch in that area. An elderly resident received a call from a male who was selling a mattress when she agreed to buy it he took her to withdraw the money from the Post Office this has been reported to trading standards.

There have been reports of nuisance youths congregating outside the Chester Road shops, the police have spoken to schools and asked them to speak to students about anti-social behaviour.

Any issues can be reported to the police via 101 or e-mail [sally.malone@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sally.malone@cheshire.pnn.police.uk).

It was noted that anti-social behaviour is also happening in the Nature Park as rubbish is being left there after dark.

It was reported there has been a police driver engagement session on Friday 14th November at 11pm on Sandy Lane and Caldley Valley Road, the clerk was asked to request an update from PC Malone including how many vehicles were stopped and for what reasons.

Concerns were raised regarding the report given at the last meeting by the Clerk that there had been no further update regarding the possible new school, the clerk confirmed this was still the case. However this conflicted with reports in the newsletter distributed by Cllr. Mark Williams which was not related to the Parish Council. The resident had emailed the Clerk and all Councillors through the Council's website but the e-mail had not been received to date as she had been unable to find the Council's up to date minutes on the

website. It was noted the Council's website is out of date but that the new website should be in place soon, it was agreed the clerk would send the resident the temporary link to the new website to access the minutes. The clerk was not aware of any issues with e-mails not working from the old website. It was noted the resident did have the Clerk's e-mail address and could have e-mailed her directly as she has done on a number of occasions.

It was noted that two trees have come down in the Nature Park and are blocking two separate paths, it was noted that one tree is causing a hazard as young people are climbing on and under it. It was noted there are a number of other trees which need felling. The clerk confirmed she would report this to Paul Taylor and Amanda Pritchard to action.

### **SAIGHTON CAMP DEVELOPMENT & SCHOOL**

The Council had received no formal update of the proposed new school although it was understood the feasibility study is due to be completed at the end of October or early November. It was agreed the clerk should request an update of the feasibility study for the Council's next meeting in January including why the study has been delayed and what the timescales are moving forward.

It was noted application 14/02991/OUT relating to the former Saughton Camp is still undecided, it was agreed the clerk should request an update when the application is to be decided.

The clerk reported she is still pursuing the meeting with representatives of Bovis and Redrow.

It was noted that trees had been removed from Cheshire's Way and replacement trees planted at the weekend, it was reported that the trees were removed as the roots had grown around cables.

### **WELSH WATER**

The Council noted the response from Welsh Water, page 350 of the minutes book. It was noted that the drainage work for the camp development is not due until the completion of the development. The clerk will circulate the further update from Welsh Water as soon as it has been received, if this response is not adequate Welsh Water representatives will be asked to attend a future meeting of the council.

### **CHESTER LANE**

In accordance with CW&C speed limit guidance if the Parish Council wants to proceed with the extension of the existing 30mph speed limit of Chester Lane it will need to provide 50% of the funding and carryout community consultation and speed awareness. As a large section of road is in the Parish of Saughton it was agreed the clerk should contact Saughton Parish Council to see if they are willing to work in partnership on this project.

### **STREET SCENE**

It was noted that the meeting with street scene to discuss delegation of roles and responsibilities is scheduled for Friday 21st November 2014.

It was agreed the clerk should request benches for the area around the memorial and ask when the notice board is due.

### **JUBILEE FIELD**

The Council agreed that the clerk should see if street scene would be able to provide a bin for the Jubilee Field. It was agreed the Council would not pursue cycle stands at this time.

### **THE GREEN**

The clerk is awaiting prices for the wooden fence, these should be available for the Council's January meeting.

### **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT**

The following arrangements were made for Christmas lights switch on which is taking place Saturday 6th December, Councillors Jacky Creswick and Roy Shelton will accompany the reindeers and sleigh, Councillor Kemp will manage the sound system.

The large Christmas tree will be erected on Saturday 29th November, time to be confirmed and circulated to councillors.

The school fair will be 4.00 to 6.00pm, the parade will then leave the school and make its way to The Green for the lights switch on at 6.30.

The risk assessment was agreed with one amendment, pages 351 and 352 of the minutes book.

### **SUMMER FAIR**

It was noted that the Clerk needs to start booking activities and equipment for the summer fete in 2015 including the sound system, toilets.

**14/367 RESOLVED** – That the Council set aside of budget of £2,500 for the fete and that the maximum sponsorship be obtained to cover these costs.

The gateway to the Jubilee Field needs to be altered to allow access to large vehicles and trailers, the clerk will obtain a price for this work.

Bad weather insurance will also be investigated.

A working group will be established to start organising the event including Councillors Kemp, Shelton and Walker, representatives will also be invited from Huntington Primary School and St Luke's Church.

It was agreed the clerk should invite the Duke of Westminster to open the fete.

### **PLANNING**

The planning register, page 83, was noted as circulated.

### **ACCOUNTS & PAYMENTS**

The Accounts were noted as circulated page 81 of the Cash Book, it noted the vat rebate for the year to date has been claimed.

**14/368 RESOLVED** - That the council reimburse Cllr. Dodd £10 for entrance to fracking information event.

### **WORK PROGRAMME**

The following matters were raised:-

*Cllr. Kemp declared a pecuniary interest as he produces the newsletter, he left the meeting and took no part in the following discussion.*

It was noted since the last meeting the Clerk had discussed with Cllr. Kemp that Christmas newsletter was to be the last edition until after the 2015 election and that it was to be a basic colour four sided leaflet. Cllr. Kemp had agreed to produce the newsletter as before at a cost of £130, due to a shortage of time to produce the newsletter the clerk had agreed to the newsletter.

**14/369 RESOLVED** - That the clerk contact CW&C and request that the bus stop between Celandine and Butterbur in moved to by Foxglove Close, stating it will provide better visibility and better reflects where passengers stand.

The reinstatement work is still outstanding by the substation at the Gorse Way, Caldly Valley Road junction. Need to obtain an update on smartwater.

**14/370 RESOLVED** – that the Council move into Part 2 and exclude all public and press.

### **CLERKS SALARY & HOURS**

**14/371 RESOLVED** – that the Council increases the clerk's hours to 15 per week from the 1st December 2014 and increase pay rate to current (2013-2014) SCP 27 rate.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

**The NEXT meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**

Signed .....

Dated .....

Ann Wright  
20th November 2014



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Date: 22 October 2014

Your letter of: 13 October 2014

Received on: 13 October 2014

**Our Ref: 8000066286**

Dear Ms Wright

Thank you for your letter regarding sewage and drainage issues at Huntington, Chester. I am sorry to read of your concerns and hope I am able to clarify our position.

I can confirm as a part of our periodic desilting works established for the area we completed the routine desilting on the Huntington Siphon in July of this year. The next planned CCTV inspection of the network in the area is due to take place in January 2015.

This area is part of a sustainable drainage plan review where all risks and issue are reviewed historically. However apart from investigating reactive incidents such as blockages etc and completing minor flood mitigation works around the Butterbache area no other reviews have been undertaken. Currently apart from the routine inspections noted above there are no planned works for the area.

A review of the sustainable drainage plan is due to take place later this month, following this review further works maybe identified. I will update you on our progress within the next 4 weeks.

With regards to your concerns about the increase in the number of occupied dwellings on the former Saughton Camp this development has been allowed to connect based on the agreement that surface water is removed from the public combined sewer. This will then free up spare capacity within the sewer not to have any detrimental effect on the downstream network, however as the development has not been completed the drainage alteration works are yet to be undertaken.

Should you have any further queries regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me on 0800 085 3968 Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm where I would be happy to answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

Yours sincerely

  
Nicholas Farrugia  
Customer Complaints Officer



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